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Mysuru woman found dead in car at Kodagu check-post

▶ Car intercepted at forest check-post

▶ Police detain three for questioning

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (RK&BCT)- In a chilling incident near Siddapura in Kodagu district, Forest Department personnel, during a routine inspection, discovered the body of a Mysuru-based woman being transported in a car last night. According to preliminary reports, Forest personnel at the Maldare–Lingapura forest check-post intercepted a Haryana-registered car (HR-26-CE-9273) at midnight carrying three men and a woman, whom the occupants claimed was "sleeping."

The Forest staff, noticing suspicious behaviour, asked the occupants to step out for inspection. A search was conducted, during which officers found that the woman was already dead.

The car that carried the woman's dead body is seen at the Maldare-Lingapura forest check-post in Kodagu this morning.

She has been identified as Nankidevi (45), a native of Haryana residing in Mysuru with her husband. Police and Forest Department sources said, the men gave inconsistent statements, prompting suspicions of foul play.

(See WOMAN on page 7)

2 Aadhaar Kendras in city to shut

New single Aadhaar Centre to open at another location on Dec. 1, 2025

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (MTY & BCT)- The Aadhaar Seva Kendras at Vijayanagar 1st Stage and Saraswathipuram will permanently close from Nov. 30, 2025, according to a public notice issued by Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

Citizens who depend on these centres for Aadhaar-related services are advised to plan and utilise alternative facilities. The closure is part of a broader restructuring aimed at streamlining operations and improving service accessibility.

Aadhaar Seva Kendras are owned and operated by UIDAI under the Ministry of Electronics & IT. While UIDAI oversees the centres, service providers are engaged to set up and manage infrastructure and daily operations.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Aadhaar Seva Kendra Head Col. (Retd.) N.G. Krishnaprasad said, Mysuru currently has 2 centres, but volume of work is insufficient to justify both. "From Dec. 1 onwards, only one centre will function," he said.

The Vijayanagar and Saraswathipuram centres will close after Nov. 30 and a new centre will open at a different location. The new address and inauguration date will be announced shortly, he added.

Vijayanagar Centre Operations Manager M.E. Chethan said that both Saraswathipuram and Vijayanagar centres handled 300 to 350 updates per day, including new Aadhaar enrolments, updates and corrections.

"When the two centres were set up, they were allotted 16 kits (systems for enrolment, updates and biometric access). Our contract ends on Nov. 30 and accordingly, both centres will shut down. A new contract has been awarded to another company, which will soon establish a single Aadhaar Seva Kendra with 8 kits," he said.

For assistance after closure, residents may contact UIDAI Helpline - 1947. Those seeking Aadhaar services post-closure may also visit nearby Mysore-One & KarnatakaOne centres.

Drive against private school vans across city

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (RK&BS)- The City Traffic Police conducted a special drive against private vehicles displaying white number plate, mainly vans being used for commercial purposes, carrying school and college students, flouting all the rules to the wind.

The drive was conducted this morning from 8.30 am to 10 am, with Police personnel drawn from Devaraja, Krishnaraja (KR), Narasimharaja (NR), Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram Traffic Police Stations, deputed near educational institutions, to warn drivers of such vehicles to adhere to the rules.

As the vehicles were carrying school children, the drivers were spared from action.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police checking a private school van in city this morning.

The drive will be conducted on Monday (Nov. 17) too. From Tuesday onwards, the Police will be taking a swift action, by imposing fine on errant drivers, besides seizing the vehicles.

(See DRIVE on page 7)

Mystery shrouds death of 28 blackbucks in Belagavi Zoo

Belagavi, Nov. 15 (Agencies)- As many as 28 blackbucks were found dead mysteriously at Rani Channamma Mini Zoo, Bhootaramanahatti in the district. While 20 of them, aged between 4 to 6 years, were found dead this morning, eight blackbucks had died on Thursday.

The Forest Department is yet to ascertain the reasons behind the mysterious deaths of the blackbucks. Meanwhile, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has ordered for a detailed probe into the incidents.

According to Khandre, the preliminary reports suggested that the blackbucks had died because of an infectious disease, following which he had ordered the zoo officials to take precautions to ensure other animals in the zoo were not infected.

Khandre has ordered the zoo officials to form an expert team to find out, whether the blackbucks had died because of consuming contaminated water or due to any other reasons.

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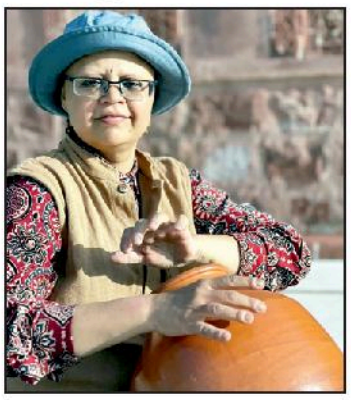
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 15th November 2025

'Meet the Author' event at Suruchi Rangamane

Mysuru, Nov. 15- Kalasuruchi and Devagitam Charitable Trust have jointly organised 'Meet the Author' of 'The Song of the Clay Plot' and Ghata artiste Sumana Chandrashekar at Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, tomorrow (Nov.16) at 11 am.

Dr. Meera Murthy, Professor (retd.), Drama Division, UCFA, Mysuru, will be in conversation with the author.



Sumana Chandrashekar

Sumana Chandrashekar, a ghata player, writer and researcher, studies ghata under Sukanya Ramgopal and has been a student of Karnatak vocal music as well. Sumana has performed extensively, has worked on several experimental and collaborative music projects and projects in music education.

As a researcher into music histories, her specific interest lies at the confluence of language, migration, gender and music. She has travelled widely in India and has worked closely with artists and artiste communities. Sumana has a Master's in Economics and has had a long stint at India Foundation for the Arts. She is currently based in Bengaluru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

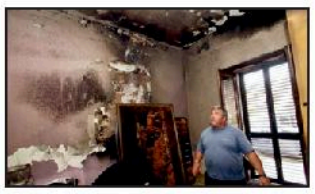
UNWAVERING DEVOTION: ***Placing complete trust in God and following the principles of dharmic living regardless of circumstances will endear one to the Almighty. Such unwavering faith is not only its own reward in one's spiritual journey in life but will also fetch one His eternal protection, said P. Swaminathan.***

Our spiritual history is replete with examples of staunch devotees, hailing from humble backgrounds, who remained steadfast despite trying circumstances, knowing that God would protect them. Devotion enriches the faithful, said Bhagwan Ramakrishna Paramahamsa. Long ago, there lived a weaver who was a true follower of Lord Rama. When he took his woven cloth to the market at periodic intervals, he prefaced his interactions with the customers there, saying, "According to Lord Rama, this cloth costs …" Soon he became familiar to all as the true devotee of Rama who was honest, upright and god-fearing.

One night he faced an unexpected challenge: he was caught by the city guards with a bag of stolen goods and imprisoned. At court, he said, according to Lord Rama's advice, he had his dinner the night of his arrest and was sitting on the porch. Again, following Rama's advice, four men arrived there with a big bundle. They sought help to carry the bundle and he obliged. As they were walking carrying the bundle, the guards arrived. The others ran way but he stood there, as per Rama's wish. A number of villagers appeared in the court to testify on their own volition. Each villager spoke highly of the weaver's high character, noble qualities and his principled way of living, fashioned after Lord Rama. The judge ordered his release and also praised his devotion to and faith in Rama. Perumal never lets down His devotees who place their faith in Him and show integrity in their daily lives.—*In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Village plagued by mysterious fires



Canneto di Caronia: For 10 years, the residents of the Sicilian village of Canneto di Caronia have been utterly spooked by hundreds of mysterious, unexplained fires that seem to erupt out of nowhere.

The bizarre phenomenon, which has seen a sudden surge this year, includes spontaneous combustion of mattresses, beds, cars and devices like fridges and mobile phones, even when switched off.

The episodes have attracted the attention of geologists, physicists and volcanologists for several years, but no one has been able to provide an accurate scientific explanation so far.

Naturally, the villagers are blaming supernatural entities like UFOs, poltergeists, or other demonic forces. And with no other logical reason in sight, one tends to wonder if they actually might be right.

Fake braces as fashion accessories

Jakarta: How do they keep up with the fashion trend? Simple — fake braces. In Indonesia, these are called kawat gigi untuk gaya or behel and the best part of using them is that you don't need consent from a doctor. All you need to do to get one is visit the local beauty salon where beauticians will be happy to slap a pair on your teeth at an affordable price.

Not only do you get them in a variety of colours, you can also get special designs like Hello Kitty, Mickey Mouse or just plain flowers. To use the fake braces, you press the wire to the desired size, insert the ends between your last two molars and you're good to go.

The use of fake braces is said to have caused deaths of two Thai teens and the Thai Government banned the import, production and sale of fake braces.

Anyone caught selling them can be imprisoned for up to six months.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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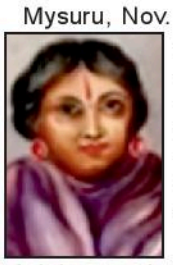
Rajamate Lakshammanni Award Presentation Ceremony

Mysuru, Nov. 15- As part of its 5th anniversary celebrations, Ursu Mahila Jagruti Sabha Trust will be conferring 'Rajamate Lakshammanni Award' on Shubha Sanjay Urs (social), Manjula Urs (film) and Sharada Urs (handicrafts) at a programme to be held at Rotary West auditorium, Kuvempunagar, tomorrow (Nov. 16) at 10.30 am.



Lakshammanni

K.R. Adarsh Urs, Director, Department of Space, Bengaluru, will inaugurate the event. K.J. Sindhu Urs, Superintendent of Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Mysuru, will offer floral tributes to the portrait of Maharani Lakshammanni.

Vijayalakshmi Urs, former Chairperson, Kanteerava Studios, Dr. MGR Urs, Kannada Rajyotsava awardee, will be present. Bhramara Bahaddur, educationist, will preside. Priyanka Urs, Environment Engineer, K.R. Pet, will be the chief guest.

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- ***The Netaji Express, formerly the Kalka Mail, is considered the oldest running train in India, having started service on January 1, 1866. It was originally known as the East India Railway Mail and ran between Delhi and Kolkata. The train was renamed in 2021 in honour of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who famously escaped the British by boarding it in 1941.***
- ***India's first passenger train started its service 166 years ago on 16th April 1853, covering a stretch of 33 kms from Mumbai to Thane. The train carried 400 passengers. Interestingly, this day was also declared a public holiday.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Little Sally: *Mom, does God go to the bathroom?*
Mom: *No dear, why do you ask such a question?*
Little Sally: *Well, this morning I heard Dad knock on the door of the bathroom and say, "Oh, God, you are still in there?!"*

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1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 116.88**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 24.15**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 103.05**

VOICE OF THE READER

Thank You, Mysuru City Traffic Police

Sir,

A big 'Thank You' to Mysuru City Police — Traffic Wing (Traffic & Signal Section) for installing the long-awaited traffic signal lights at the busy Hunsur Road-Gokulam Road junction.

With the signals now in place, we hope the current chaotic task of negotiating this junction will soon become far more manageable and safer for motorists and pedestrians alike.

We also hope the authorities will not wait for a formal political inauguration to activate the signals. The sooner they are made operational, the sooner the hardships of road users at this junction will be eased. Timely action now will truly serve the purpose for which these signals were installed.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
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Shelter for newspaper distributors soon: MLC

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (DM)- MLC K. Shivakumar has assured that measures will be taken to construct a shelter for the city's newspaper distributors, keeping in mind their safety and convenience. He was speaking at a programme organised by the Newspaper Distributors Welfare Association near the Dufferin Clock Tower (Chikkagadiyara) in front of Devaraja Market in city on Thursday.

Pointing out that newspaper distributors work tirelessly throughout the year — braving the scorching sun, rains, inclement weather and even natural calamities — Shivakumar said, "Newspaper distributors are truly the lifeline of any newspaper, for it is they who ensure delivery at every doorstep in the early hours of the day."

He further said, "I will make efforts to build a shelter for newspaper distributors so they can arrange newspapers in an organised manner during the early morning hours, provided the MCC identifies suitable land. The service rendered by distributors during the challenging days of COVID-19 was truly commendable. Even though newspaper circulation has dipped due to the rise of digital media, distributors need not be disheartened — their role remains timeless."

Emphasising the dignity of labour, Shivakumar suggested that students can take up newspaper distribution to earn a modest income to meet their personal expenses, while cautioning them not to discontinue their education.

He also noted that newspaper distributors are already covered under health insurance schemes and added that he would seek Government support for those facing financial hardship due to prolonged illness or rising treatment and living costs.

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, KUWJ State Executive Committee Member B. Raghavendra, Rajyotsava awardee Javarappa and others were present on the occasion.

Carmel Catholic Association to host 33rd annual carol singing contest

Mysuru, Nov. 15- The Carmel Catholic Association, Mysuru, will host the 33rd edition of its annual carol singing competition on Dec. 14 (Sunday) at the Teresian College Auditorium in Siddarthanagar.

This much-anticipated musical celebration as part of Christmas continues its proud tradition of fostering community spirit and festive joy through the universal language of music.

Over 120 teams from across the region are likely to participate in 12 diverse categories, spanning from kindergarten groups to professional choirs.

The school earning the highest cumulative score across all events will take home the Champions Trophy.

Carols will be performed in English, Kannada and other regional languages, spreading timeless messages of peace, hope and goodwill. The programme will also feature children's action songs, dances and a special visit from Santa Claus.

The last date for registration is Dec.10. For details contact Convenor M.K. Johny on Mob: 94485-76371.

KPR Hyundai launches New Hyundai Venue

KPR Hyundai, a leading Automotive Dealership under the KPR Group, launched the New Hyundai Venue on Nov. 8 at KPR Hyundai Showroom, Hunsur Road, Mysuru, in the presence of actor Bala Rajwadi of Kantara Chapter-1 fame, Karnataka Rajyotsava Awardee Mime Ramesh, KPR Hyundai Managing Director V.J. Hemanth and the esteemed customer of KPR Hyundai.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pratibha Puraskar presentation

Dinesh Coaching Centre has organised the 28th Annual Pratibha Puraskar presentation ceremony at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road tomorrow (Nov. 16) at 4.15 pm. Swami Nirbhayananda Saraswati, President, Sri Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Ashram, Gadag, Vijayapura and M.S. Janardhan, retd. Lecturer, Sri Swayam Prakasha Saraswati High School, Narve, Chikkamagalur, will be the chief guests, according to a press release from the Coaching Centre.

Eye check-up camp tomorrow

The Mysuru District Unit of State Government Employees Association, in collaboration with Bhagawan Mahaveer Darshan Eye Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a free eye check-up camp for State Government employees and their family members at the Association Office located on Dhanvanthri Road in city at 10 am tomorrow (Nov. 16). All State Government employees and their family members are appealed to make good use of this camp. For details, contact Mob: 94482-08750 or 98802-60239 or 99161-55428, according to a press release.

Annual General Body Meeting

Jay Bearing Karmikara Sangha will hold its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) at the Pavilion Grounds next to Old DC's Office tomorrow (Nov. 16) at 11 am, according to a press release from General Secretary K. Srinivas.

35th Anniversary of Literary Club

In connection with the 35th Anniversary of Children's Literary Club, Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, will be delivering a talk on 'Epistolary Technique as a Literary Device' at 6 pm on Nov. 17, at Government Hostel for Girls, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

C. Shashikumar has been awarded Ph.D in Earth Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Appraisal of Groundwater Quality for Drinking and Irrigation Purposes in Krishnarajapete, Mandya District' submitted under the guidance of Dr. D. Nagaraju.

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway project

Clearance awaited from National Wildlife Board

Approval sought for project cutting through Ranganathittu and Nagarahole zones

The works on constructing the 92.3 km Mysuru-Kushalnagar Access-Controlled Highway under progress at Chilkundakaval and Honnenahalli. The photos were posted by former MP Prathap Simha on social media on Oct. 30. Bridges and underpasses are also part of the project.

Kushalnagar, Nov. 15 (AG& BCT)- Following the State Wildlife Board's Standing Committee approval, the State Government has now submitted documents to the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) seeking clearance for the National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) 92.3-km Mysuru-Kushalnagar Access-Controlled Highway project.

Eshwar B. Khandre

The NHAI has sought diversion of about 54 hectares of land within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary and the buffer zone of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

The two proposals were cleared at a meeting chaired by Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre recently. NBWL Standing Committee clearance is mandatory as the project touches wildlife sanctuaries and a tiger reserve.

The Rs. 4,126-crore four-lane Highway, designated as National Highway-275, will serve as an alternative to the existing two-lane Mysuru-Madikeri Road, which is choked with heavy vehicle density. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the project in Mandya on Mar. 12, 2023.

Updates from MP and former MP

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, who initiated the project during his tenure, took to social media after the State Wildlife Board's nod:

Prathap Simha

"Forest Department clearance has been obtained and Rs. 45 crore paid for the Mysuru-Kushalnagar four-lane Highway. Work on the 22.7-km stretch from Hemmige (Hunsur taluk) to Basavanahalli (Kushalnagar) will begin soon," he stated.

Continuing efforts to push the project forward, current MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar recently met Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, urging early intervention to resolve issues relating to forest clearance and land acquisition under Package-2.

Yaduveer Wadiyar

NHAI sources confirmed to *Star of Mysore* that the State Government has submitted all required documents to the NBWL, a statutory Central body, for clearance.

Central approval crucial

Since the project involves forest land, NBWL approval is mandatory. The Board meets monthly and with the November session concluded, the proposal is expected to be taken up during its December meeting.

As the Highway alignment skirts Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, direct approval may not come without expert review, sources said. They added that the NBWL is likely to refer the proposal to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for assessment.

The NBWL will consider NTCA's recommendations before issuing the work order. NTCA may also carry out a field visit to study the alignment, its impact on tiger habitats and feasibility, sources said.

Detailed study already done

However, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director P.A. Seema noted that a fresh NTCA field visit may not be needed.

"The Wildlife Warden, under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), has already conducted a detailed field study and submitted a comprehensive report, which has been forwarded by the State Government to the NBWL," she explained.

She clarified that the proposed road passes only through 1.25-km inside the buffer zone of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, not its core forest area.

"The route runs through settlement zones where land is already used for agriculture and habitation. Since it is not a core tiger habitat, NBWL clearance is expected to be relatively smooth," she added.

Strict conditions for forest work

Swamy, Project Manager for Package-2, executed by DY-Uppar & Sons Construction Company, said working in forest zones comes with strict conditions. "We need formal permission and must follow all guidelines issued by the State and Central Forest Departments," he said.

He listed the restrictions: "No construction or earth-moving work is allowed after 6 pm and parking of heavy vehicles in wildlife or buffer zones at night is banned. We will strictly comply once clearance is received."

Swamy said, preparations for the project have been underway for two years. "Machinery, manpower and materials are ready. Work will start immediately after the work order is issued and the Highway should be completed within two years," he said.

Of the total 22.7-km stretch under Package-2, 14.4-km passes through private land already acquired and levelled. The remaining 8.3-km falls under forest limits, awaiting NBWL approval. Levelling has been completed for about 10-km of the acquired portion.

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway: Five packages

Package I: A 22-km stretch from Kushalnagar to Madikeri is currently on hold, as the proposed alignment passes through dense forest areas and has not yet received clearance.

Package II: From Guddehosur to the Hassan-Periyapatna Road Junction. Length: 22.7-km.

Package III: From Hemmige village (Hassan-Periyapatna Road Junction) to Ramanathapura-Terakanambi Road / K.R. Nagar junction in Hunsur. Length: 24.1-km.

Package IV: From Ramanathapura-Terakanambi Road / K.R. Nagar Junction to Yalachahalli, near Yelwal-K.R. Nagar Road Junction. Length: 26.5-km.

Package V: From Yalachahalli to Srirangapatna bypass near Paschimavahini. Length: 19-km.

MP inaugurates Unity March in city

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, along with Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Unity March in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in city this morning as City BJP President L. Nagendra, former Mayor Shivakumar, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Regional Director (retd.) M.N. Nataraj and others look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (BLU&VNS)- Nearly 400 participants took part in the Unity March, organised by My Bharat Kendra, Mysuru (Ministry of Youth Services and Sports, Govt. of India), in association with District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, University of Mysore NSS Units, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University and JSS Group of Institutions, to mark the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in city this morning.

The Unity March was flagged-off by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

The March passed through KR Circle and Devaraj Urs Road, before culminating at the University of Mysore Athletic Grounds (Oval Grounds).

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, BJP City President L. Nagendra, former Mayor Shivakumar and others were present on the occasion.

'Nandi Dhwaja and Mysuru have centuries old association'

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (BLU&DM)- Stating that Nandi Dhwaja and Mysuru enjoy centuries old bonding, MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said that the two have maintained a great tradition, reflecting the cultural richness of the State.

He was speaking after inaugurating the programme organised by the city's Sri Shivapada Guruseva Nandi Dhwaja Samsthe for the unveiling of the bronze bust of Shivayogi Sri Shivapada Swamiji in front of the Samsthe office located beside Kuderu Mutt on Basaveshwara Main Road here and the 89th anniversary of the Samsthe this morning.

"Mutts have been working for saving and sustaining our religion and culture that portray the country's cultural richness, including the famed Nandi Dhwaja folk art form. Philosopher Swami Vivekananda greatly helped revive Hinduism and introduced Indian Philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the West. He also strived for creating awareness about the country's culture, heritage, traditions and practises. 12th century social reformer Basavanna created awareness in the society through his Vachanas, Anubhava Mantapa and other such platforms, thus taking forward the country's basic philosophy. This apart, many Vachanakaras, scholars and saints, who came after Basavanna too made a lot of efforts for educating the people on the basic philosophy of Indian culture. Now the Mutts are working for bringing about unity in the society" Yaduveer maintained.

Kuderu Mutt Seer Sri Gurushanta Swamiji graced the occasion.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, KPCC Member and former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others were present.

Three nominated to Mysore University Academic Council

Hedathale Manjunath

Toremavu Girish

Palya Suresh

Mysuru, Nov. 15- The State Government has nominated three personalities as Academic Council Members of University of Mysore (UoM).

Those nominated are Hedathale Manjunath, grandson of late freedom fighter M.N. Jois and a resident of J.C. Nagar in city, Toremavu Girish of Varuna Assembly segment and Palya Suresh, a city Advocate.

The three had worked in various capacities for the Congress party.

Dr. Mahesh Shenoy's mother K. Jayanthi Bai passes away

Jayanthi Bai

Mysuru, Nov. 15- K. Jayanthi Bai (81), wife of late M. Vinod Rao, former partner, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works and Trustee, Kamakshi Hospitals, Mysuru, passed away following age-related illness this morning.

A resident of Vishveshwaranagar in city, she is survived by five children — Dr. M. Mahesh Shenoy (Managing Trustee, Kamakshi Hospitals), M. Manoj Shenoy, Mamta Shenoy, Maya Shenoy and Manjula Shenoy — grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Her body has been kept at her residence in Vishveshwaranagar for public to pay their last respects. Last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill tomorrow (Nov. 16) at 10 am.

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Who'll save... Congress?

Congress has been decimated in the Bihar elections. Rahul Gandhi rode into Bihar on an Enfield Bullet as part of the *'Voter Adhikar Yatra.'*

He thundered through 23 districts for over 16 days accusing the BJP of *'vote chori.'* And then… *poof !...* he disappeared. His party workers were left bewildered and abandoned.

This is not leadership. It is irresponsibility. In fact, it is an insult to every Congress worker who still believes that the party's revival is possible.

This forces one to ask: *"What can Rahul Gandhi change to be more effective?"*

For starters, how about a work ethic? Politics is a 24x7 profession in India and unless you are willing to put in the time, you will never shine.

Rahul is 55 years old and has been in politics for 21 years. Yet he seems like a misfit.

His father, Rajiv Gandhi, was also a reluctant politician, but he learnt quickly.

Rahul, by contrast, remains perpetually miscast, perpetually needing to be defended and shielded.

In the Gandhi family, entitlement to power does not come with responsibility. Responsibility is outsourced to loyalists, who defend the family *'tooth, nail and tail.'*

The last tucked firmly between their legs as they abandon pride and patriotism in favour of dynastic devotion.

Meanwhile, every decision of Rahul and his every failure is explained away by someone else.

The Gandhi brand, once political gold dust, is losing its lustre. If Congressmen truly want to save their party and by extension, strengthen Indian democracy, then they must ask the Gandhis to step aside.

But can they?

India desperately needs a strong Opposition. Unfortunately, Congress continues to fail in this role, largely because the Gandhis fear internal competition more than national irrelevance. They cannot tolerate another leader becoming the face of the party.

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If the answer is "Yuvraj forever," then Congress and Rahul Gandhi have no moral right to go around the world lecturing that Indian democracy is in danger under the BJP...

If Congress hopes to return to relevance, it must amputate its gangrenous political limbs — the self-centred old guard and yes, even the Gandhis...

Maybe the time has come for the Gandhis to step back, so Congress can move forward and our democracy can get stronger."

We saw that in 2022, when the Congress decided after 27 years to elect a non-Gandhi Party President. What did they do?

They chose 80-year-old Mallikarjun Kharge as the *'consensus candidate'* over 66-year-old Shashi Tharoor.

The Gandhis needed someone to warm the President's chair without threatening the family's control. Kharge became another Manmohan Singh. A proxy.

The Congress' inability to retain strong leaders is not an accident. It is a dynastic strategy.

Mamata Banerjee left and took Bengal with her. Sharad Pawar left and built an empire in Maharashtra. Jagan Reddy left and dominated Andhra. Himanta Biswa Sarma left and delivered Assam and the Northeast to the BJP.

Congress values loyalty, not performance. Rahul could have promoted Shashi Tharoor, Sachin Pilot, Milind Deora and Jyotiraditya Scindia. These were young leaders with public support and administrative ability, but he didn't. Today, Scindia is in the BJP, Pilot is sulking, Deora is in the Shiv Sena and the party is shrinking.

Rahul Gandhi is fast becoming India's political Peter Pan, the boy who refuses to grow up and lead. Worse, he doesn't let someone else lead either.

Rahul wants power without accountability and that will be Congress' undoing.

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By refusing to make space for competent leadership in the Congress party, which in turn deprives Indian democracy of having an effective Opposition.

Congress is still the only national party capable of challenging the BJP. But the dynastic insecurity of the Gandhi family is throttling potential leaders and the Congress party remains stuck in quicksand.

Congress workers must now make a choice: Democracy or dynasty? Because choosing *"Madam's family"* means choosing irrelevance. Worse, it means choosing to damage Indian democracy.

And if the answer is *"Yuvraj forever,"* then Congress and Rahul Gandhi have no moral right to go around the world lecturing that Indian democracy is in danger under the BJP.

If Congress hopes to return to relevance, it must amputate its gangrenous political limbs — the self-centred old guard and yes, even the Gandhis.

Otherwise, India may soon get a *'Congress-mukt Bharat',* an outcome that would hurt not just Congress, but the health of our democracy.

Maybe the time has come for the Gandhis to step back, so Congress can move forward and our democracy can get stronger.

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Drive against private school vans

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What rule says...

The Transport Department rule states that four-wheelers sporting white number plates should carry restricted number of passengers (4+1 including driver in cars and 5 or 8 including driver in vans) and should be used only for personal purposes while those with yellow number plate can be used as cab, goods transportation and for other purposes, as prescribed by the law.

Authorised school vans

In the case of authorised school and college vans, they will be painted yellow, looking distinctly apart from other vehicles, for the easy identification of the same. However, firstly, not all the students opt for school transportation, taking into consideration the van fees, which some of the parents feel exorbitant per month. Secondly, for the boarding and alighting point, which will be quite far from home.

Private vans

While in the case of private vans, they can navigate through narrow and congested lanes and the children are picked and dropped right in front of the home, with the monthly amount paid towards the service, quite lesser than the school van, which the parents feel as affordable.

Autos...

Amidst this, there is a growing concern about school and college children being ferried in autorickshaws. Maximum three passengers can travel in an auto but eight to 10 children can be seen, with additional foldable seating facility provided to accommodate them. The protruding bags and lunch bags, hanging from the mirrors on the either side of the vehicle, is a matter of grave concern. But, there is little or no action yet, considering the safety of the children.

Riding bikes to college

Besides, the PUC students, who will be under the age group of 18 years, riding motorcycles and scooters to college, is another matter of concern. They will be either having a Learner's Licence (LLR) or not, but still, the concern is about the growing trend, with fatal accidents involving college students reportedly being high.

RTO speaks...

Regional Transport Officer (RTO) West, Chamarajapuram, C.N. Ramachandra said, "non-commercial vehicles (private vehicles) are not permitted to carry over capacity. Most importantly, the paint of the vehicle should be changed to yellow. The service operators should have entered into an agreement with school management and parents. In case of any accident, those with white board cannot claim insurance cover for the passengers being carried against the restricted capacity, except for the permitted number of passengers."

Boy critically injured in road mishap

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (RK&DM)- A 14-year-old boy sustained critical injuries, while his mother escaped with minor injuries, when the scooter they were riding was knocked down by a tipper lorry in front of the University Guest House at Open Air Theatre Road-Bogadi Road Junction here this morning.

The critically injured boy has been identified as Daksha and his mother as Sujatha, residents of the city.

Sujatha, along with her son Daksha, was coming on a Honda Activa scooter from Kukkarahalli Lake side on Bogadi Road to visit AIISH, when the tipper which came from Open Air Theatre Road side, knocked down the scooter, while taking a right turn at the Junction at around 11.30 am. As a result, Daksha, who was riding Pillion, fell down and was run over by the tipper on his thighs and legs, critically injuring him, while his mother Sujatha, who was riding the scooter, who fell on to the other side, escaped with minor injuries.

The K.R. Traffic Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted both the injured to DRM Hospital in Vontikoppal, where the condition of Daksha is said to be critical.

The K.R. Traffic Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Mysuru woman found dead

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Once the body was discovered, the Forest staff alerted the Siddapura Police. Sub-Inspector Manjunath visited the spot and detained all three men for questioning. Police have not yet revealed their identities.

The mysterious circumstances — transporting a body without documentation or any plausible explanation — have raised concerns. The motive behind the movement of the corpse at midnight in a car remains unclear.

Kodagu Superintendent of Police K. Ramarajan told *Star of Mysore* this afternoon that a case has been registered at Siddapura Police Station and it is too early to conclude whether it is murder.

Investigators are examining whether the woman died under unnatural circumstances, was murdered or was a victim of any other criminal act.

The body has been sent for post-mortem examination.

9 killed, 27 injured while handling seized explosives

Explosive cache detonates inside Nowgam Police Station near Srinagar

Srinagar, Nov. 15 (Agencies)- Nine people were killed and 27 others injured when an accidental explosion ripped through the Nowgam Police Station on the outskirts of Srinagar late Friday night, officials said.

The blast occurred while authorities were extracting samples from a large cache of explosives recently seized in connection with the 'white-collar' terror module case.

Those killed included three personnel from the Forensic Science Laboratory, two Revenue Department staffers, including a Naib Tehsildar, two Police photographers, one member of the State Investigation Agency and a tailor.

Officials said most of the victims were Policemen and Forensic experts. The explosive material — brought from Faridabad in Haryana — was part of the 360 kg recovered from the rented residence of arrested doctor Muzammil Ganaie and was being processed as part of the ongoing investigation.

At least 24 Police personnel and three civilians have been hospitalised across the city, officials added. By this morning, six bodies had been retrieved and shifted to the Police Control Room in Srinagar. Rescue operations were hampered by small, successive explosions that continued at the site, delaying the entry of the bomb disposal squad.

The explosion also caused extensive damage to the Police Station building. While portions of the seized explosive cache were stored at the Police Forensic Laboratory, the bulk remained at the Nowgam Station, where the primary case related to the terror module was registered.

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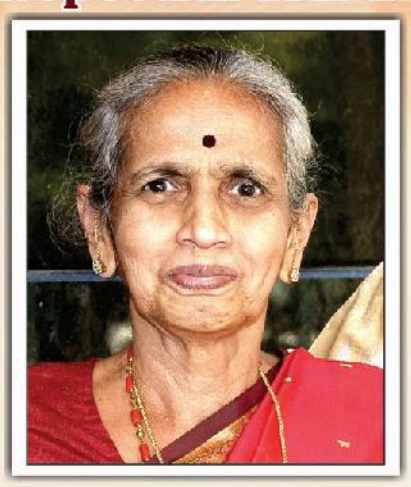

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District Police Annual Sports Meet

DAR team wins Overall Championship

District Armed Reserve (DAR) team receiving the Overall Championship trophy from DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah during the valedictory of three-day Mysuru District Police Annual Sports Meet held at DAR Grounds in Jyothinagar, Mysuru, yesterday. Also seen are Mysuru SP N. Vishnuvardhana, Additional SPs C. Mallick and L. Nagesh. Picture right shows Deepa Palke and G.G. Raghunandan posing with their Individual Championship trophies.

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (SPN&VNS)- The District Armed Reserve (DAR) team emerged Overall Champions at the 3-day Mysuru District Police Annual Sports Meet held at DAR Grounds in Jyothinagar here yesterday.

DAR team scored a total of 64 points performing well in both individual and group events.

Meanwhile, G.G. Raghunandan of DAR won the Individual Championship in the men's category winning gold in 100mts sprint, 400 mts run, 800 mts run, long jump and high jump.

Raghunandan has also been selected to represent the country at the World Masters Athletics Championship to be held in Daegu in South Korea next year. Earlier, taking part in the 23rd Asian Masters Athletics held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai recently, had won gold medals in 400 mts and 800 mts run and silver medal in 200 mts sprint.

In the women's category, Deepa Palke of Kavalande Police Station won the Individual Championship winning gold medals in 100 mts sprint, 200 mts sprint and long jump and silver in high jump.

In the 4x100 mts relay, DAR emerged winners and were followed by Mysuru Rural Sub-Division and District Special Bureau in second and third place respectively. In the 4x400 relay, DAR won the gold medal, Nanjangud Sub-Division silver and Mysuru Sub-Division third.

In the group events, Hunsur Sub-Division emerged victorious in tug-of-war and volleyball, Mysuru Rural Division in kabaddi and in cricket SP team emerged victorious followed by Additional SP team in second place.

Speaking at the valedictory ceremony, DIGP (Southern Range), Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah said that fitness was given utmost prominence in the Police Department and added that sports helped in maintaining health and also developed the skills of working in groups.

Urging the Police personnel to reserve time for fitness, he said that doing so would help them bring down the stress level and develop healthy lifestyle.

SP N. Vishnuvardhana, Additional SPs C. Mallick and Nagesh and other officials and staff were present.

96th University of Mysore Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet

PGSC, PRM Vijaya College shine

The men's team of PGSC (left) and women's team of PRM Vijaya College posing with their Overall Championship trophies.

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (MK&VNS)- Post Graduate Sports Council (PGSC), Manasagangothri and PRM Vijaya College, T. Narasipur, emerged Overall Champions in men and women categories respectively at the three-day 96th University of Mysore Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet held at University of Mysore Athletic Grounds (Oval Grounds) here recently.

PGSC won Overall Championship in the men's category with a total of 125 points, while Yuvaraja's College with 74 points and SBRR Mahajana FGC with 41 points ended up in second and third positions. R. Prajwal, a student of TTL College of Business and Management, who won the 100 mts sprint with a timing of 10.80 sec scoring 946 points in total, emerged as the Best Athlete in the men's category.

In the women's category, PRM Vijaya College of T. Narasipur with a total of 83 points won the overall championship and was followed by Teresian College with 70 points and PGSC Manasagangothri with 40 points in second and third positions respectively. Harshitha, a student of JSS College for Women, who won the 100 mts sprint with a timing of 12.34 sec and scored 925 points, was declared as Best Athlete in women's category.

The three-day event witnessed a total of 431 male athletes and 342 women athletes from 82 Colleges affiliated to University of Mysore taking part in the Athletic Championship. The prizes to the winners were distributed by retired Principal Dr. B. Basavalingu and UoM College Development Council Director Dr. K. Mantelingu. UoM Dept. of Physical Education Director Dr. C. Venkatesh and others were present.

BEST FEMALE ATHLETE
Harshitha

BEST MALE ATHLETE
R. Prajwal

Gandhi Shilp Bazaar begins at JSS Mysore Urban Haat

Dr. P. Shivaraju (in blazer), Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Mysuru, who inaugurated Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, sponsored by the DC Handicrafts, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi, at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal last evening, is seen displaying a product at the Bazaar. S. Vinod Kumar, Assistant Director, Handicrafts Service Centre, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Mysuru and A. Rakesh Rai, Coordinator, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru, were present during the inauguration. The exhibition-cum-sale will be open to public from 10.30 am and 9 pm till Nov. 20.

Essay, cartoon contests at Hinkal Church

Mysuru, Nov. 15- The essay writing and cartoon competitions for school students, organised by the Samaritans of Mandya and the Syro Malabar Youth Movement with the slogan "Say No To Drugs" will be held on Sunday (Nov. 16) at the Infant Jesus Cathedral, Hinkal,

Msgr. Thomas Thennattil Augusthy, Vicar General, Diocese of Mandya, will inaugurate the competition at 10.30 am. Fr. Jomon Kolenchery CMI, Chancellor, Diocese of Mandya, will be the chief guest. Fr. Amal Edathil CMI, Asst. Parish Priest will preside.

The competition will be held in three different categories — Standard 11 and 12 (Topic - Making Healthy Choices to Stay Drug Free), Standard 8-10 (Friendship - a Barrier against Drugs) and Standard 5-7 (Chasing Dreams, Not Drugs).

Winners of each category will be awarded cash prizes, trophies and merit certificates. There will be five consolation prizes each in each category. Prizes will be distributed by Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhappilly, the Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Mysore during the valedictory function to be held on the same day at the Infant Jesus Cathedral premises.

Those who wish to participate in the competitions may report at the venue by 9.30 am tomorrow, according to Anil Jose, General Convener and Larly Tom, Convener. For details contact Mob: 98450-55462 or 81059-50870.

Tipu birth anniversary at Ganjam

Mysuru, Nov. 15 (KS) - The 276th birth anniversary celebration of Hazarath Tipu Sultan Shaheed, organised by Hazarath Tippu Sultan Shaheed (R.A.) Welfare and Urus Committee, was held at Tipu Tomb (Gumbaz) in Ganjam, Srirangapatna, recently.

A delegation from Mysuru consisting of Mysore District Waqf Board Advisory Committee Chairman Azeez Ulla Ajju, Members Moulana Mohammed Ibrahim, Naseeruddin Babu, ARM Amjad Pasha, Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi, Secretary of Tanzeem Ahle Sunnath Jamath Trust, former Corporator Mohammed Sami Ajju, Himayun Pasha, M.F. Kaleem of Responsible Citizen Voice, Mysuru, Radiulla Khan, Executive Member of DCC, Majeed Toufiq Khan, Ahmed Pasha Khadree, Ameen Ismail, social worker, Hazarath Sufi Sha Tirchy Khalander Baba, Khaizer Pasha and large number of devotees from across the State took part in the celebration.

Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Inayath Ur Rehaman Razvi, Shahi Imam of Masjid Aqsa, Tipu Tomb in Srirangapatna performed Fatha Khawni and Duwa (supplications). Waqf Board Chairman Azeez Ulla Ajju spreaded flower mat (Chadar Shariff) and offered floral tribute.

Afroz Pasha, Secretary of Hazarath Tipu Sultan Shaheed Welfare and Urus Committee presented Tipu Sultan Award 2025, comprising a memento, garland, Tipu shawl, Mysuru Peta to Azeez Ulla Ajju and to High Court Advocate M.S. Mukram.

Afroz Pasha thanked the guests, devotees, Tipu Sultan Waqf Estate Officers, Management Committee and the Police Department for their co-operation.

Mane Mana Gana

Light Music Concert in city tomorrow

Pancham Halibandi | *Shwetha Vishwas* | *Dr. Padmavathi* | *Dr. B.M. Prabhu*

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Mysuru, Nov. 15- Gana Sambhrama Trust, Bengaluru, has organised 'Mane Mana Gana' — Light Music Concert - Edition-30 at 10 am tomorrow (Nov. 16) at Kalpa Kshetra, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru. [Mob: 94498-19536]

The Trust, in association with Raaga Taranga of Bengaluru, will present the concert which will be led by well-known singer Pancham Halibandi, who will be accompanied by singer Shwetha Vishwas, Dr. Padmavathi Pramod, Dr. B.M. Prabhu, Kumar Swamy, Dr. Chris Murthy and Agamya Vasishta.

Sowmya Dileep will compere the programme.

These concerts have been conducted at various locations, predominantly houses in and around Bengaluru. The concert will have well-known as well as new light music numbers.

The event is open to all.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 15)

- **Dr. S.N. Hegde Felicitation Committee and Uttara Kannada District Cultural Association, Mysuru:** Felicitation to Science writer Dr. S.N. Hegde by Association President Vid. Ramachandra Bhat; Releasing of felicitation volume 'Vijnana Vatsala' by ex-Mysore University VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa; Retd. Principal Prof. K.R. Krishnaiah speaks, felicitation volume Chief Editor G.S. Bhatta presides, Association premises, Gange Road (opp. Lava Kusha Park), Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**
- **Bhushans Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation:** Nruthya Bhushana 2025 - Classical Theme-based National Dance Festival, 'Paschima Vahini Krishna,' a Mega Musical Dance Theatrical, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **(2 shows) 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 Paper Pulp dolls depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542]
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-906, story-telling by Shivanna Indvadi, retd. High School Teacher and State Resource Person, Kollegal, **4.30 pm;** Prof. Vishwanath Mirle Memorial Children's English Play Festival - 8th edition, staging of play 'Pygmalion' by The Orchids Public School, **6 pm;** Play 'Lawley Road' by Arivu School, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha:** Pt. Ramarao V. Nayak Memorial Hindustani Classical Music, Harmonium Solo by Ravikumar Rajanakoluru, Shekar Rabakavi on tabla (students of Sri Veereshwara Punyashrama, Davangere), **5.30 pm;** Vocal concert by Mukul Kulkarni (Pune), Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium & Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru:** 159th Cultural Outreach Programme, 'Dasara Padagalu' by Vid. Puttur Narasimha Nayak, accompanied by Raghavendra Joshi on tabla, Ganesh Bhat on keyboard and Venkatesh Purohith on side rhythm, BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **6 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya, Raaga Music Academy and Samskara Bharathi:** Bhagini Raaga Sourabha - Vocal Concert by Vidu. K. Aathreyee Krishnaa, accompanied by Vidu. K. Mahathee on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, BSS Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru:** Karnataka Rajyotsava, retd. KSOU VC Dr. N.S. Ramegowda inaugurates, felicitation to Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, theatre person Rajashekar Kadamba chief guest, IEI Mysuru Chairman H.S. Suresh Babu presides; Geetha Gayana by Hale Beru Hosa Chiguru Cultural Trust, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar Memorial Concert - Karnataka Kaveri Bhavadhare - A Dance-Drama by Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale:** Staging of play 'Alibaba mattu 40 Kallaru,' written by Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara, directed by Virang Amogh, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 72595-37777]
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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WORD OF THE DAY

Heyday

Pronunciation: HAY-day (noun)
Meaning: Heyday refers to the period of one's greatest popularity, vigour or prosperity. It is usually used in the singular.
Origin: The day in heyday originally had nothing to do with the kind of day that's made up of 24 hours. Heyday was first used in the first half of the 16th century as an extended form of the interjection hey, used since the 13th century to express elation or wonder, as it still often is in phrases like "hey, look at that!" The day part was most likely just an extra syllable tagged on for effect. By the end of the 16th century heyday had developed noun use with the meaning "high spirits," as when Shakespeare's Hamlet tells his mother, "You cannot call it love; for at your age / The heyday in the blood is tame ..." It wasn't until the 18th century that the day syllable's resemblance to the word day likely influenced the development of the now-familiar use referring to the period when one's achievement or popularity has reached its zenith.
Example: "In its heyday, there were more than 200 Chi-Chi's nationwide; the last restaurant closed in 2004." —Nicole Hvidsten, The Minnesota Star Tribune, 1 Oct. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Tympani

A large brass or copper drum.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A penny for your thoughts

Meaning: What are you thinking about?
Origin: The earliest written citation of the phrase "A penny for your thoughts" can be traced back to the 16th century. It is attributed to Sir Thomas More, who used a variation of it in his book "A Treatyce upon the last thynges" in 1534. In this context, the phrase means "Tell me what you are thinking", with the implication that you're willing to pay money to know what someone is actually thinking. Interestingly, the saying originated during a time when the British penny was worth a significant sum. In 1522, Sir Thomas More wrote in 'Four Last Things': "It often happeth, that the very face sheweth the mind walking a pilgrimage, in such wise that other folk sodainly say to them 'a penny for your thought'". John Heywood's book "The Proverbs of John Heywood", first published in 1546, also contains a similar citation: "Fréend (quoth the good man) a penny for your thought".
Example: Steffany, you look very pleased today. A penny for your thought?

QUOTE BOX

The ear is the avenue to the heart. **– Voltaire**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Exercises.

SUDOKU

1			9					4
			7				2	
	5					9		
2				8		1		5
	7		6		1		8	
9		1		4				3
		8					3	
	3				6			
4					5			6

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	9	2	7	1	8	6	4
8	1	2	3	4	6	7	5	9
4	6	7	5	9	8	2	1	3
2	9	1	4	6	5	3	8	7
7	4	3	1	8	2	6	9	5
6	5	8	7	3	9	4	2	1
3	2	5	6	1	4	9	7	8
9	7	6	8	5	3	1	4	2
1	8	4	9	2	7	5	3	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Alphabet trio
4 A funny kind of fence! (2-2)
8 The burglar's loot
12 Org. of African Unity
13 Middle of Caesar's saying (1,3)
14 Amount deducted from weight
15 Heroes' hall of immortality
17 Colouring agents
18 Burst forth
19 Ladies' fingers
21 31-day mo.
23 Feels jealous of?
27 In short, the month to celebrate Christmas?
30 Bribe
32 Edge furtively
33 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
35 Tap gently
37 Amount owing
38 Register
40 Apply friction
42 Polish off
43 Be a ___ to : suffer constantly from?
45 ___ off : fall asleep
47 Two pages in a book
49 Poetic feet of one kind
53 Tributary of Ganges
56 Large pot
58 Tehran's locale
59 Slave or serf
60 U-turn from WSW
61 Persian of old
62 ___ ___ die : persist regardless of danger? (2,2)
63 Scottish river

DOWN

1 Travel about
2 European river
3 Dialect of South India?
4 Break or gap in a sequence or a series
5 Above sea level
6 Ring of light around a saint's head
7 Fully conscious
8 Patron saint of Wales? (2,5)
9 Path
10 Have being
11 Ground Earth Station
16 High Power Amplifier
20 ICU caregivers
22 Divine being
24 ___ fixe (an obsession)
25 Italian island
26 The badger's home is called this
27 Think or judge
28 Famous volcano
29 Mystery writer John Dickson ___
31 Average or normal
34 Direct telephone link
36 Round bread roll
39 Cleaning agent
41 Producer of steam?
44 Hurried
46 Father
48 African country Burkina __
50 TV's talking horse (2,2)
51 Most dogs like to gnaw one
52 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
53 Kipling book
54 Type of mineral
55 Morose or unhappy
57 Popular card game

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	I	T	H		P	I	S	A		B	O	B
A	M	R	E		A	S	T	I		U	P	I
L	A	I	C		T	O	R	T	U	R	E	D
I	M	M	U	N	E		A	S	S	N		
			B	E	L	O	W		S	T	I	R
S	P	R	A	W	L	S		D	R	O	N	E
A	T	E		L	A	T	E	R		U	R	I
P	A	N	S	Y		E	N	A	C	T	E	D
S	H	O	O		R	O	C	K	Y			
		U	L	N	A		R	E	C	E	N	T
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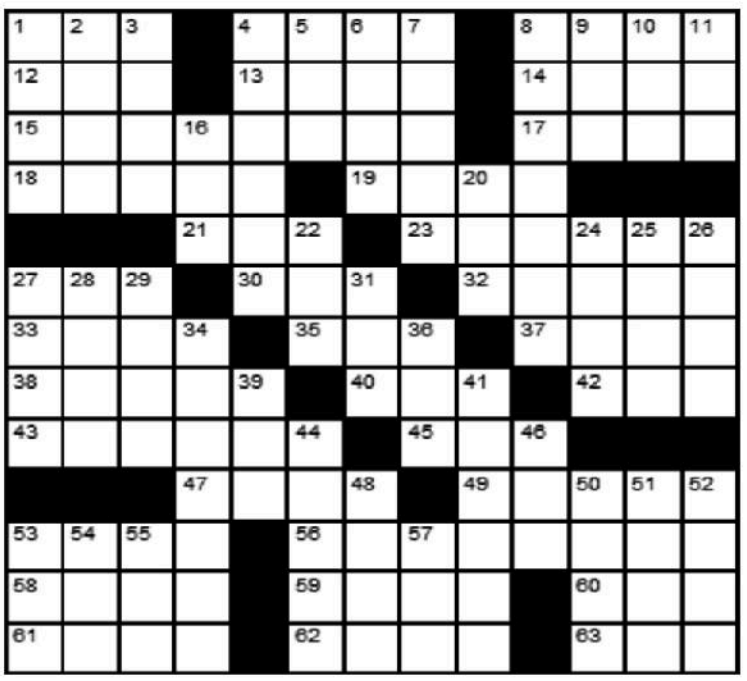

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

I AJJU SIT XNJ AJHE XKJTA OE CPEZ I WIU

SIT XNJ NIE WHHT LJPTU JPZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Be careless in your dress if you must, but keep a tidy soul.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Gatha Vaibhava (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  I Am God (K) - 2 Shows; *Love OTP (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
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- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Others - 2025 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Dawood (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  De De Pyaar De 2 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

The Running Man (E)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 10.20 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter -1 (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm, 7.20 pm
Brat (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1 pm
Spider Man 1 (E)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Jai (Tulu)	(S-2)	7 pm
Hikora (K)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 am, 1 pm, 10.10 pm
I Am God (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Haq (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Full Meals (K)	(S-4)	10.10 am
Love OTP (K)	(S-4)	1 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	(S-4)	4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Gatha Vaibhava (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.10 pm; (S-2) 9.35 pm
Kite Brothers (K)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Jai (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Athi Bheekara Kaamukam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.40 pm
Brat (K)	(S-2	1.10 pm; (S-3) 10.30 am
Madharas Mafia Company (Ta)	(S-2	4.05 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	(S-2)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Kantara : A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	(S-4)	6.25 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kaantha (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 3.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Spider-Man 2 (E)	:	9.50 am
The Running Man (E)	:	10.05 am, 5.10 pm, 10 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20, 7.25, 10.30 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	10.30 am, 6.55 pm
Now You See Me: Now You Don't (E)	:	11.25 am, 8 pm
Brat (K)	:	12.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Jai (Tulu)	:	12.40 pm
The Godfather Coda (E)	:	1.25 pm
I Am God (K)	:	1.55 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	4 pm, 9.50 pm
Predator: Badlands (E-3D)	:	4.15 pm
HAQ (H)	:	4.40 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	:	7.30 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 , 6.55, 10 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 7.10 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Brat (K)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm
The Running Man (E)	:	10.05 am, 7.30 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	1.05 pm, 7.25 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	1.15 pm, 10.20 pm
I Am God (K)	:	4 pm
Jai (K)	:	4.10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 16)

- **Mysuru Sahitya Mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana:** 20th anniversary, releasing of books — writer Dr. Sougandhika V. Jois' work 'Tanigandha,' a collection of poetic forms, K. Paramesh's work 'Sakavvana Saangatya,' a collection of poems, C.S. Raghavendra's 'Kattala Darige Akshara Deepti,' a collection of articles, M.B. Santosh and Dr. C. Vani Raghavendra's joint work 'Dr. Shwetha-Part-2' (Kannada and English translated works) — Conferring of awards on G. Chetan and Nehasiri (Balashri award), K.C. Nisarga (Pratibha Puraskar), K.S. Dhanyashri (Sadhanaratna award), H.V. Sandhya (Vidyavaridhi award), Vidu. Mahima and Suhasini (Natya Choodamani award), Ramanna Tatti and M.S. Rachappa (Sahitya Sindhu award); Poets Meet (Kavigoshti) and cultural programmes, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am.** [Mob: 98863-41957]
- **Gana Sambhrama Trust and Raaga Taranga, Bengaluru:** 'Mane Mana Gana' — Light Music Concert by singers Pancham Halibandi, Shwetha Vishwas, Dr. Padmavathi Pramod, Dr. B.M. Prabhu, Kumar Swamy, Dr. Chris Murthy and Agamya Vasishta; Sowmya Dileep comperes, Kalpa Kshetra, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **10 am.** [Mob: 94498-19536]
- **Ursu Mahila Jagruti Sabha Trust:** 5th anniversary celebrations and conferring of 'Rajamate Lakshammanni Awards' on Shubha Sanjay Urs (social), Manjula Urs (film) and Sharada Urs (handicrafts); K.R. Adarsh Urs, Director, Department of Space, Bengaluru, inaugurates, K.J. Sindhu Urs, Superintendent of Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Mysuru, offers floral tributes to the portrait of Maharani Lakshammanni, Vijayalakshmi Urs, former Chairperson, Kanteerava Studios, Dr. MGR Urs, Kannada Rajyotsava awardee, will be present, Bhramara Bahaddur, educationist, presides, Priyanka Urs, Environment Engineer, K.R. Pet, Mandya, chief guest, Rotary West auditorium, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar - Handicrafts Exhibition and Sale, JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi and Devagitam:** Meet the Author of 'The Song of the Clay Plot' and Ghatam artiste Sumana Chandrashekar; Dr. Meena Murthy, Professor (retd.), Drama Division, UCFA, Mysuru, will be in conversation with the author, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **11 am.**
- **Dinesh Coaching Centre:** 28th Annual Pratibha Puraskar presentation, Swami Nirbhayananda Saraswati, President, Sri Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Ashram, Gadag-Vijayapura and M.S. Janardhan, retd. Lecturer, Sri Swayam Prakasha Saraswati High School, Narve, Chikkamagalur, chief guests, Kalamandira, **4.15 pm.**
- **Nadavidyalaya - Academy of Music and Dance, Hebbal:** Annual cultural festival titled 'Nada Nrityopasana,' Bharatanatyam programme will be presented by Senior students of the Academy followed by a dance-drama 'Sarvam Rama Mayam — Universe Pervades by his Aura' by Vidwat students, accompanying artistes - Direction and Natuvanga by Guru Vidu. Mithra Naveen and Vidu. Meghana Shravan, vocal by Vid. M.S. Naveen, mridanga by Vid. G.S. Nagaraj, flute by Vid. Vivek Krishna and rhythm pad by Vid. Vinay Rangadol, compering by Vidu. Harshitha Amruth; Pratibha Gururaj, an active social worker and Dr. Prahlad Rao, also a social worker and mridangist, guests of honour, Ramagovinda Kala Vedike, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Mahabharata Tatparya Nirnaya' by Pt. Sri Vyasatheerthacharya, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. D.Ramabai Govinda Rao Memorial Programme - Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra, accompanied by Vid. Krithik Kaushik on violin, Vid. R. Adamya on mridanga and Vid. Bhargava Halambi on kanjira, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Prof. Vishwanath Mirle Memorial Children's English Play Festival - 8th edition, Staging of play 'Kabuliwala' by Excel Public School, **6 pm;** Play 'Wisdom paves the way' by Hari Vidyalaya, **7 pm;** Play 'In the land of dreams' by Maharshi Agasthya Gurukula, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **8 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale:** Staging of play 'Alibaba mattu 40 Kallaru,' written by Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara, directed by Virang Amogh, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 72595-37777]

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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

The Running Man (E)	:	9.25 am, 4.20 pm, 10.20 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	9.45 am, 4 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.25 pm
Brat (K)	:	12.20 pm, 7 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	1 pm , 10.30 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	7.10 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	1.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Udaala (K)	:	3.35 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Iniyana Aatma (K)	:	10 am
Kaantha (Te)	:	10 am, 10.20 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	10.15 am, 7.15 pm
Hikora (K)	:	1 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
The Running Man (E)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Kite Brothers (K)	:	3.45 pm
Brat (K)	:	4.05 pm
Premam Madhuram (K)	:	6.50 pm
Jai (Tulu)	:	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

'North-East Calling' event

Mysuru, Nov. 15- Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India, Kanyakumari Vivekananda Kendra, Karnataka Region and Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, have jointly organised 'North-East Calling' programme at CIIL premises in city tomorrow (Nov. 16) at 10.30 am.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will be the chief guest. Vivekananda Kendra Vice-President Nivedita Bhide will preside.

CIIL Director Prof. Shailendra Mohan and Capacity Building Commission Member (Human Resource) and SVYM Founder Dr. R. Balasubramaniam will be the guests of honour.

Children's Day

Mysuru, Nov. 15- Sri Chamundeshwari Railway Layout Welfare Association has organised Kannada Rajyotsava and Children's Day celebration programme at the Association Layout tomorrow (Nov. 16) at 4 pm.

Police Inspector L. Arun and magician and ventriloquist Suma Rajkumar will be the chief guests on the occasion.

PDO T.A. Bhavya, B. Suresh of SMG Sports Arena, Anand Jadhav of Vasundhara Promoters, Association Hon. President Shankar, Vice-President B. Singegowda will be present. CVF & CRL Welfare Association President M.K. Sridhar will preside over the programme. Suma Rajkumar will perform after the stage programme, according to a press release from Association Secretary V.V. Sannappa.

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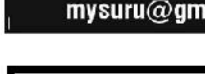

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